



February 18, 2015

Representative Art Wittich, Chair

Human Services Committee
Montana House of Representatives
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Chairman Wittich and Members of the Committee:

For the record my name is Kristin Page-Nei, representing the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. ACS CAN is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, and supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions that eliminate cancer as a major health problem.

We appreciate that the intent of HB455 is to broaden access to coverage for low-income Montana parents and veterans, however we would strongly encourage the legislature to support proposals that would allow the state to qualify for and draw down the enhanced federal matching funds and cover the 70,000 state residents who earn less than 138% of the federal poverty level.

ACS CAN believes that increasing access to health coverage through Medicaid, as provided under the federal health care law will ensure that all low-income Montanans will have routine access to cancer prevention, early detection and treatment services, which will allow them to live longer, healthier lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kristin Page-Nei".

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